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SUBJECT: BG/ PAK DEBT: JAPANESE REACTION TO FP PROAG

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1. USCOR EXPLANATION US POLICY DESCRIBED REFTTEL PARA 3 IS CORRECT. IN INTEREST ALLEVIATING JAPANESE UNCERTAINTY ON THIS MATTER FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF US POLICY ON AID TO BANGLADESH MAY BE CONVEYED TO GOJ OFFICIALS IN DACCA, AND TOKYO IF DESIRED. WE INTEND PROCEED TO OBLIGATE FULL FY 1973 APPROPRIATION, AS WELL AS FOOD AID AND GRANT ASSISTANCE PLANNED FOR FY 1974 AND ANY FEASIBLE FAMILY PLANNING GRANT IN BOTH YEARS, ALL OF WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE HUMANITARIAN. GOJ CAN ALSO BE ADVISED MAGNITUDES INVOLVED. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER WORDS, WHEN DOLS 45 MILLION REHABILITATION GRANT AMENDMENT ANNOUNCED LATER THIS MONTH IT SHOULD NOT REQUIRE ANOTHER EXPLANATION BY USG OFFICIALS TO GOJ OFFICIALS. FYI. PRIOR TO THE DACCA MEETING, THE PARTICIPATING DONORS THAT WERE MEMBERS OF THE PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM AGREED THAT " HUMANITARIAN" ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE MADE CONDITIONAL. IN PRACTICE, " HUMANITARIAN" AID FOR FY 74 HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY US AND JAPAN TO INCLUDE BOTH FOOD AID AND GRANT ASSISTANCE. END FYI.

2. COMMITMENTS OF U. S. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING PL 480) TO BANGLADESH TOTALLED DOLS 337 MILLION AS OF APRIL 1, 1973. THUS AT TIME DACCA AID DONOR MEETING MARCH 31- APRIL 1, WE HAD AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION SOME DOLS 90 MILLION IN FY 73 SOUTH ASIA RELIEF APPROPRIATION FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE BEING OBLIGATED THROUGH THE BILATERAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION GRANT TO THE BDG, GRANTS TO UNROB, VOLAGS, MISCELLANEOUS RELIEF NEEDS AND US PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS. A TRANCHE OF DOLS 30 MILLION WAS OBLIGATED APRIL 14 AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILATERAL GRANT. WE ARE NOW PROCESSING A SECOND TRANCHE OF DOLS 45 MILLION, FOR OBLIGATION BY MAY 31.

3. IN FY 74, AS INDICATED IN AID' S CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION, WE PROPOSE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DEBT QUESTION, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES:

GRANT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DOLS 1 MILLION
POPULATION/ FAMILY PLANNING UP TO DOLS 3 MILLION
PL 480 TITLE 1 (SUBJECT TO UP TO DOLS 64 MILLION
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